



Pirating In Traffic

By TOM ALLISON
Staff Writer

Ye be warned pirates, the high seas of file-sharing are troubled waters.

"They know who's doing it. They know the student's address, ISP number, what they've downloaded and when," Joe Haynes, director of infrastructure services said Monday.

He was referring to groups like the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), whose crackdowns on pirating of copyrighted material continue to affect students at the University of Mary Washington.

Sony, Warner Brothers, and the RIAA have been issuing letters of complaint to Haynes for the last few years, with detailed information about the computers that have pirated and continue to share copyrighted material. The letters also demand the student's full name, phone number and social security number.

Last month, the RIAA announced a new wave of copyright infringement lawsuits against 753 illegal file sharers, including individual network users at 11 different colleges. The targeted schools spread across the country, from Old Dominion University to Hamilton College to the University of Southern California.

The names of students accused in the past as well as the nature of the cases are considered confidential information by the Office of Judicial Affairs. According to Ray Tuttle, director of the office of judicial affairs and community responsibility, there have only been only "a handful of cases in the last year."

Organizations wishing to protect artistic property employ companies like MediaSentry Inc. These contractors then detect and deter unauthorized distribution of copyrighted content and prosecute those who engage in media and software piracy.

The Oxford English Dictionary defines piracy as

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Plan Aims To Close Faculty-Student Gap

By DOREEN CIAVARELLI
Staff Writer

A new plan to decrease the student faculty ratio from 17-to-1 to 15-to-1 will add 14 new faculty positions and create approximately 46 new course section offerings for next fall. The plan, dubbed the 15-to-1 plan will add 40 new faculty positions for the University over the next four years.

Rosemary Barra, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty said the purpose of this \$4-million plan, estimated to be completed in fiscal year 2009-2010 is to alleviate over-crowding in popular classes.

"The main aim is to eliminate some of the demand situations that we have for particular classes and the over-enrollment situation that we have in certain classes," Barra said. "But I think in some departments you'll also end up with the developments of some new additional classes, ones that would work towards the major upper-level courses that have not been previously offered."

According to John Morello, associate vice president for academic affairs, the plan will also increase opportunities for individual student research by decreasing course loads and making it more feasible for faculty to be involved in individual research.

"The idea behind the 15-to-1 plan is if you hire enough new faculty members you'll be able to add courses to that students will have more flexibility," Morello said. "New faculty will not only add courses but also be

able to provide the opportunity for folks to take a group of independent studies and consider them as a course rather than teaching a course."

The \$4-million plan is to be underwritten by future tuition increases and state allocations. Without state assistance, tuition was estimated to increase by 33.5 percent for those four years in which new faculty members were instated.

However, according to Rick Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer, with state allowances these numbers will vary, but because state support is never consistent, it is difficult to estimate what future tuition increases will look like.

"What many people don't understand is that the University only receives 50 cents from the state for every dollar of raise authorized," Hurley said. "The rest must come from tuition."

Thirteen departments will receive additional faculty this fall. Modern foreign language will receive two new faculty members, one teaching Spanish and the other teaching French and Arabic. Other departments hiring new faculty include business administration;

chemistry; economics; English, linguistics and speech; environmental science and geology; geography; historic preservation; math; psychology, sociology and anthropology; and political science.

To decide which departments went first

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Charter University Bill Could Free Up State Funds

UMW Could Benefit From Surplus Funds If Larger Schools Sign On

By STACY HORNE
Staff Writer

The Virginia Senate and House of Delegates have each passed a bill giving Virginia's public colleges and universities more freedom from bureaucratic red tape.

Initiated by the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, and the College of William & Mary, the development of charter universities takes some of the state governmental controls and gives them back to the schools. In exchange, those schools will give up as much as 10 percent of future

state appropriations.

According to Virginia Tech president Charles W. Steger, the legislation requires that schools will remain state agencies. He said no school will be required to become a charter school; those that choose to do so will be required to submit a six-year plan to the state which outlines enrollment and academic and financial plans.

"Additionally, the Board of Visitors of these Charter schools would be appointed by and be accountable to the Governor of Virginia, just as they are today," Steger said.

Steger also said that colleges will have the ability to invest all tuition, fees and other generated money and give it back to the school instead of having the state take that funding and dole it out as they see fit.

State Senator Thomas Norment (R-

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Cardinals Plucked

Freshman Chase Townsend hurls the ball over the plate during Saturday's doubleheader against St. John Fisher College. UMW came behind to sweep the Cardinals. After falling behind 3-0 in game one, Townsend batted in two runners before sophomore Mike Murphy had a RBI triple for the win. The Eagles captured the win in game two after junior Brandon Cole got the walk with bases loaded.



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FRIDAY
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By KATIE TELLER
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Junior Andi Keefer, a political science major, said she was excited about the class.

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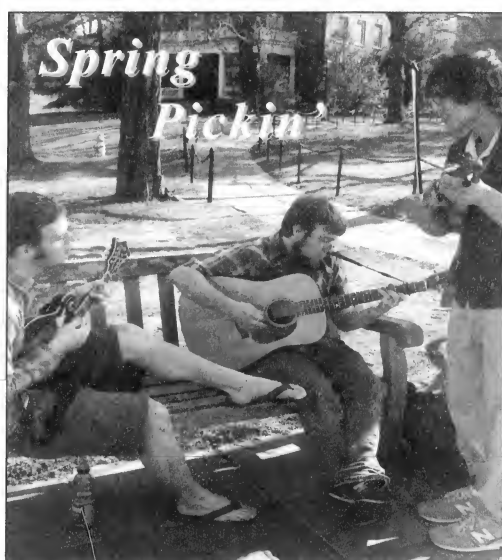
"I think it's extraordinary to have support and vision from donors like Mrs. Buffett," Rountree said.

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"It has to be brought to my attention," Tuttle said. "We're not spending our time searching for violators of copyright laws."

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Tuesday's spring weather brought out the music: (left to right) sophomores Brett Noble and Davide Jensen were accompanied by senior Ed Dickerson for an impromptu jam session on campus walk.

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At the end of the day last Saturday, senior Kristen Behrens found herself in the emergency room at the Mary Washington Hospital.

As she reached for a flag at the annual powder puff football tournament, she was tackled. A girl landed on top of her arm, shattering it in five places. Later, she underwent surgery to put pins in her arm and set the cast.

"Yes, it was worth it," Behrens said. "I am a senior and I was out on the field with some of my best friends having a great time. It stinks to get injured but at the end of the day at least I have some sweet battle scars and most importantly, we won!"

After her surgery was completed her teammates from the Commuting Student Association and their coach, senior Brett Druger, were in the waiting room ready to tell her all about the game.

Powder puff is in its fourth year at the University of Mary Washington. This year, there were 14 teams with an average of 15 to 20 girls per team.

"It was a very long day but people were there throughout the entire event supporting their dorm, their friends, or just to watch," said Tessa Merna, association of residence halls president.

The champions of the entire event were the Commuters.

According to Druger, they played the last game in honor of Behrens.

"We changed our name to Team Kristen, and played as hard as we could for her," Druger said. "We had some other injuries besides hers like a bloody mouth, rolled ankle and beat-up knee. We don't mess around. It was a tough battle with an amazing victory."

After their win, Druger was given an award for his coaching ability, the performance of the team and his interactions with the girls.

"I owe everything to my girls," Druger said. "They were awesome. All I did was give them a few points and screamed a lot. Now I can rub it in the faces of my friends who say I know nothing about sports."

The association of residence halls awarded two MVPs of the games. Seniors Betsy Pitti and Laura Hanks received the awards.

"It was really cool that Betsy and I both won MVP because we both went to Monticello High School in Charlottesville and we played powder puff together there," Hanks said.

The most exciting part of the day for Hanks and Pitti was the championship game against the Russell/Mercer team.

After the kick-off and working their way down the field, the commuters were at about the 20-yard line with six seconds left. Hanks threw a "hail Mary pass" to Pitti who came out of no where to make the catch.

"It was a really sweet play," Hanks said. "All of our friends were there and rushed the field and poured water all over us. The energy was really high. It was just a really fun day."

"We were so happy to be there and ready to take it all," Pitti said. "The other team was really good and put up a great fight. Winning it in the last few seconds of the game made it really exciting—it was a battle to the end."

Referee and SGA president, junior Frank Puleo, was amused by the attitudes of the women throughout the day.

"When we started the games they were mean, nasty and just plain scary," Puleo said. "But as soon as the games were over they were back to being girls, who talked about plans later, nails, hair and boys. It was fun to watch it happen."

Puleo agreed with the MVPs that the championship game was the best of the entire day. "It made my top 10," he said.

Freshman Adam Holofcener, who coached the Jefferson Hall team, was impressed with not only the teams but the student turnout for the games.

"There are few events that bring that many UMW students together and we have found something that works," he said.

Holofcener also helped set up the sound equipment for the deejay and was on the food committee.

"We got very lucky with the beautiful weather that we had and I think that helped to make the event on of the most popular events of the year," Holofcener said.

He said he would like to see more powder puff games throughout the year.

After a long day of football, music, food

and raffle prizes, Merna kicked back in the ARH office and went over the day's events.

"Overall everything went very well," she said. "Everyone there had a great time and there was an absolutely great turnout of fans and supporters for the girls."



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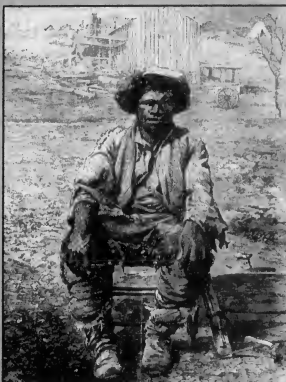
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As she reached for a flag at the annual powder puff football tournament, she was tackled. A girl landed on top of her arm, shattering it in five places. Later, she underwent surgery to put pins in her arm and set the cast.

"Yes, it was worth it," Behrens said. "I am a senior and I was out on the field with some of my best friends having a great time. It stinks to get injured but at the end of the day at least I have some sweet battle scars and most importantly, we won!"

After her surgery was completed her teammates from the Commuting Student Association and their coach, senior Brett Druger, were in the waiting room ready to tell her all about the game.

Powder puff is in its fourth year at the University of Mary Washington. This year, there were 14 teams with an average of 15 to 20 girls per team.

"It was a very long day but people were there throughout the entire event supporting their dorm, their friends, or just to watch," said Tessa Merna, association of residence halls president.

The champions of the entire event were the Commuters.

According to Druger, they played the last game in honor of Behrens.

"We changed our name to Team Kristen, and played as hard as we could for her," Druger said. "We had some other injuries besides hers like a bloody mouth, rolled ankle and beat-up knee. We don't mess around. It was a tough battle with an amazing victory."

After their win, Druger was given an award for his coaching ability, the performance of the team and his interactions with the girls.

"I owe everything to my girls," Druger said. "They were awesome. All I did was give them a few points and screamed a lot. Now I can rub it in the faces of my friends who say I know nothing about sports."

The association of residence halls awarded two MVPs of the games. Seniors Betsy Pitti and Laura Hanks received the awards.

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The most exciting part of the day for Hanks and Pitti was the championship game against the Russell/Mercer team.

After the kick-off and working their way down the field, the commuters were at about the 20-yard line with six seconds left. Hanks threw a "hail Mary pass" to Pitti who came out of no where to make the catch.

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"We were so happy to be there and ready to take it all," Pitti said. "The other team was really good and put up a great fight. Winning it in the last few seconds of the game made it really exciting—it was a battle to the end."

Referee and SGA president, junior Frank Puleo, was amused by the attitudes of the women throughout the day.

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Freshman Adam Holofcener, who coached the Jefferson Hall team, was impressed with not only the teams but the student turnout for the games.

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After a long day of football, music, food

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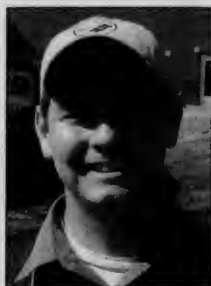


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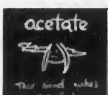
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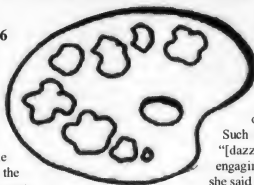
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By AMANDA PESCI
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These goals, according to Trina Robinson, resident director for Ball Hall, may vary for

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Located on the first floor of Ball Hall, the program has 12 available spaces, 11 of which were filled this year. Junior Emily Guise, the president of the WWAV community, is one of them.

Guise, who has lived on the WWAV floor for two years, is unhappy not only about the removal of the program, but also with the lack of interest in women's studies on campus.

"I am disappointed about it, but interest was slacking off because there is not a strong feminist interest or base on this campus," Guise said. "There also wasn't a lot of support or direction—I really had no idea what I was supposed to do when I took over."

According to Guise, who acts as a liaison between Residence Life and the WWAV

residents, the University's recent move to more demanding standards of the special interest housing programs are much more time-consuming than she was expecting. "They want campus-wide programs now," she said. Before, it was much more low maintenance and each person just did their own interfloor program, which was a lot easier to coordinate."

The WWAV residents are each responsible for at least one program per semester, such as a movie or a discussion, according to Guise. This year they were also required to participate in two campus-wide activities, which landed them in the Vagina Monologues, as well as behind the scenes of celebrating Women's History Month through performances, lectures and film screenings.

Porter said like all other special-interest housing options on campus, the WWAV program differs from regular housing in that

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In this case, the 11 WWAV residents applied with the goal of keeping feminism alive, which according to Guise, "is hard to do on a campus where there is no women's studies center or even a women's studies major." While there is not a women's studies major program at the University, there is an approved women's studies special major available to students.

The spirit of feminism has not died within the close-knit WWAV community itself. According to Guise, the residents get together every other week to discuss different aspects of life, especially in relation to their affect on women.

"For instance, we've talked about women's role in religion and how language today is subtly discriminatory toward women," she said.

However, the biweekly programs and discussions weren't enough to keep the WWAV floor itself alive. The Feb. 1 decision ousted the program, with no intentions of replacing it.

"At this time, there is no plan to put another special interest housing area in its place," Robinson said. "While the program will be removed, residents are given the option to homestead on the floor."

The decision to remove the program from housing options came as a surprise, Guise said. "It was very frustrating when we got canceled because it felt like the SIH (special interest housing) committee provided no support for us. They just watched us do the best we could, decided it wasn't enough and just shut WWAV down."

Porter, on the other hand, said that help was always available to all special interest housing areas.

"I'm sorry she feels that way," Porter said. "But she could have come to us at any time for help."

According to Porter, the goals for the special interest housing programs were clearly set in the beginning of the year. "Each special interest housing area was informed that should these goals not be met, we would have to shut down the community," she said. "The WWAV floor is the only community that was unable to meet these goals, and consequently the only one to be removed."

The WWAV floor allowed women with similar interests to live, discuss, and learn together, which is something that Guise will miss most next year.

"Everyone is here because they want to be. We all know each other and it's a very open community," Guise said. "I've met a lot of great people living on this floor."

New Faculty To Lower Student-Teacher Ratios

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UMW's 15-To-1 Plan May Increase Course Offerings, Interaction

the administration examined the student-to-faculty ratio in every department trying to get individual departments closer to the goal of 15-to-1.

"We were taking a look at places where we knew from history that there were chronic shortages of courses or the student-to-faculty ratio in that particular department was more out of whack, higher in that department than it might be in some others," Morello said.

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"And so the logic behind the 15 to 1 plan was we were trying to improve ourselves with respect to our peers," Morello said. "Acknowledging that we can't get all the way to a very low student faculty ratio like you might find at a small liberal arts college but we can certainly do a lot better than in excess of 17-to-1."

Students are optimistic about the new program and the prospects of having increased one on one interaction with their professors.

"If the student teacher ratio is going to be smaller only good things can come of that," senior Jonathan Flores said. "You need good teachers because quality education is really

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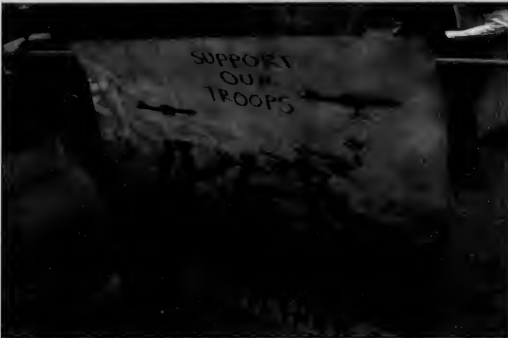
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These goals, according to Trina Robinson, resident director for Ball Hall, may vary for

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Located on the first floor of Ball Hall, the program has 12 available spaces, 11 of which were filled this year. Junior Emily Guise, the president of the WWAV community, is one of them.

Guise, who has lived on the WWAV floor for two years, is unhappy not only about the removal of the program, but also with the lack of interest in women's studies on campus.

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According to Guise, who acts as a liaison between Residence Life and the WWAV

residents, the University's recent move to more demanding standards of the special interest housing programs are much more time-consuming than she was expecting. "They want campus-wide programs now," she said. Before, it was much more low maintenance and each person just did their own interfloor program, which was a lot easier to coordinate.

The WWAV residents are each responsible for at least one program per semester, such as a movie or a discussion, according to Guise. This year they were also required to participate in two campus-wide activities, which landed them in the Vagina Monologues, as well as behind the scenes of celebrating Women's History Month through performances, lectures and film screenings.

Porter said like all other special-interest housing options on campus, the WWAV program differs from regular housing in that

it involves an application and interview process as well as a commitment to the theme of the housing area.

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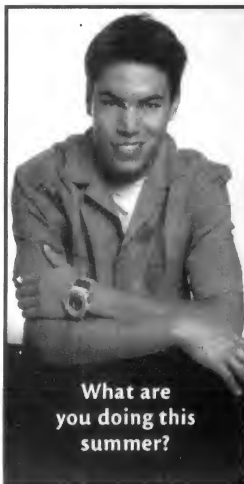
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"To be completely honest, nothing really crossed my mind until the game was over," she said. "I was just so focused on the situations as they came that I really didn't have time to think about the possibility of a no-hitter."

Pherson's teammates did not mention anything to her about the potential for a no-hitter, which seemed to pay off for her.

"I'm not sure if it was because no one knew [I had a no-hitter going], or whether they just didn't want to jinx it," she said. "You know how superstitious we athletes can be."

Superstitions aside, it was hard work and focus that propelled the Eagles into an 8-0 victory in game two, and a sweep of the Bison.

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Junior Meghan Witt takes a swing during game one of the Eagles' doubleheader against Gallaudet on Monday.

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Lacrosse Upsets Fifth-Ranked W&L

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"It's probably the biggest win in school history," said senior Mark Fiore, who scored a pair of goals in the victory.

The Generals started the scoring just more than five minutes into the first quarter on a goal by Pat Collins. Jack Murray added a goal 41 seconds later to put W&L ahead 2-0. The Eagles were able to get on the board with 7:15 left in the quarter when senior Lee Thompson scored off an assist from senior Dave Justen. The Generals went back up by two goals when Collins scored again eight minutes into the second quarter.

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Junior Adam Castellani takes a shot in the back from a Washington and Lee defender during the Eagles' 9-6 upset win on Saturday.

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